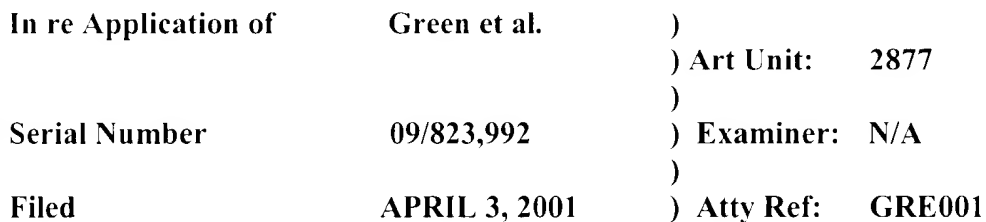


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Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 with a copy thereof.

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CERTIFICATION

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the filing date of and/or prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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